

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Merlin Class YR

Term

Summer 2026

Dear Parents,

This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term. Our overarching themes for the term are 'Once Upon A Time' and 'Tales from the Ocean'. Below you can find the details outlining the content covered for the different areas of learning for the term ahead.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
Communication and Language & English	Children's communication and language development is integrated across all areas of learning and continuous provision opportunities. We will continue to follow our phonics scheme, Little Wandle, to extend our phonics knowledge and continue to read longer words. This term, we will be encouraging further independence with writing, giving children the skills to read back through their work and edit short sentences to make sure they make sense. We will be refining our handwriting to ensure our letters are formed correctly. We will be retelling familiar stories and will learn how to write imaginatively.
Maths	In maths, we will be using our understanding of numbers to 10 to help us explore numbers to 20. We will be consolidating addition and subtraction strategies, including the commutativity of numbers and number bonds to 5 and 10. Children will be exploring shapes and patterns and will learn simple properties of common shapes. We will revisit learning about different measures, including capacity, volume and weight. Children will be able to use mathematical vocabulary to describe and compare when measuring. This term has a specific focus on efficient recall of facts and number fluency. We will be revisiting prior learning from throughout the year to strengthen children's number sense.
Physical Development (PE)	The children will begin swimming at the end of this term. This is always a very exciting opportunity for them all! Our Wednesday, PE lessons will focus on multi-skills and athletics in preparation for the children's first sports day at school! The children will be practising their throwing and catching skills, balance and co-ordination as well as their spatial awareness.
Understanding the World	To develop our understanding of the World, we will be exploring animals and their habitats as well as how to keep the ocean clean. We will discuss different people, cultures and communities through the Somerset AMV Special Stories units. Special celebrations this term include Eid and Summer Solstice.
Expressive Arts and Design	In music, we will be listening to, learning to sing or singing along to various action songs. Craft opportunities will include nature artwork and making our own story props.
PSED	We will be following the SCARF units 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing'. We will be thinking about perseverance and self-motivation as well as learning about how we grow over time.

Welcome back, Merlin Class!

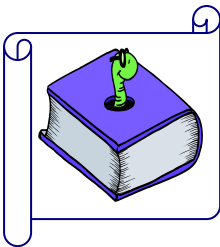
Our final term is set to be a busy one! We begin our term with our topic 'Once Upon a Time!' and will end the school year looking at 'Under the Seal'. We also have our school trip coming up in July to look forward to, as well as other fabulous school events including sports day, end of year celebrations and the summer fayre!

We are very excited about all the fantastic things heading our way. Don't forget to look on Tapestry to see what we get up to!

Miss Morris and the Merlin Class Team

Homework

Homework is collected in on a Thursday and reissued on a Friday.



Reading

- Encourage your child to recall the letters and sounds learnt so far in phonics.
- Please try to hear your child read **daily** and allow them time to discuss the book. Remember to write in your child's reading record every time you hear them read.
- Your child will come home with some 'Tricky Words' each week. Please do look at these often with your child. It really does help their reading fluency!



Homework & Spellings

- Homework is reissued on a **Friday**. Homework given reflects recent classroom learning and intends to consolidate children's understanding of recently taught concepts. Children should return completed homework every **Thursday** please.
- Children will continue to bring home spellings. Please help your child to read and spell the words. **There will be no spelling test.** We will also be practising these spellings in school throughout the week to support children's confidence at independent spelling. This will support their writing and their ability to segment words to spell. New spelling words will be given every **Friday**, along with the homework and phonics home learning sheet.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PE

Children now change in school for PE. Please can ensure your child has their **named** PE kits in school every **Wednesday**.

Outdoor learning/Welly Walks

Please can you ensure your child's wellies and waterproof coats are in school at all times. We will be doing outdoor learning in the second half of this term.

Clothing

Please can all items of clothing be **clearly named**. This is particularly important now the children are changing for PE in school. Thank you! Please also remember sun hats.